

Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.
5:30pm

Present: Members: Chair Ned Phillips Jr., Donald Littlefield, Leslie Slate, Fred Leeder, John Hopf, David Roosa, and Marea Mott. Also present was Terri Chmiel for the recording of the minutes.

Call to Order

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

New Business

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr. recused himself and asked Mr. Hopf to chair the meeting.

Royal Bruce and Margaret Montgomery came to the meeting. The Montgomery's are in a neighbor dispute with James Lee. The Montgomery's asked the Conservation Commission to be involved with the beach access on Coonymus Road. The Conservation Commission will make a request to Town Manager, Nancy Dodge to keep them involved.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. spoke in regards to a fax received from the DEM Division Agriculture from Al Gettman, Mosquito Abatement Coordinator. Mr. Phillips, Jr. explained that there are 26 catch basins on the island. The DEM has a product that can be dropped in the basins to kill the lavaera of mosquitoes. Discussion ensued that Mike Shea has taken care of this in the past. Mr. Phillips will report this to Ms. Dodge. The Commission discussed looking into a grant for tire removal.

A motion was made by Mr. Hopf and seconded by Mr. Leeder to approve the environmentally benign mosquito larvicide to be used in the catch basins. The motion carried with all in favor.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Littlefield, Slate, Leeder, Hopf, Roosa, Mott) 0 Nays

Ms. Mott asked about the beach erosion at the end of dump road.

Discussion ensued regarding the stones at the Town Beach.

Mr. Leeder asked about installing more snow fencing and the Commission will meet Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 9:00am in the State Beach Parking Lot.

Approval of Minutes of April

Mr. Phillips went through the corrections of the minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hopf and seconded by Mr. Phillips to make corrections to the minutes and to defer this item to next month. The motion carried with all in favor.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Littlefield, Slate, Leeder, Hopf, Roosa, Mott) 0 Nays

Old Business

a. Update on dune restoration and repair of access points

Mr. Hopf stated that Mr. Timothy McCabe spoke to him in regards to beach access and the concern for his horses. Mr. Phillips, Ms. Mott and Mr. Leeder were in agreement to stay focus on restoring the erosion for the safety of the public. The Commission asked the clerk to send a letter to Mike Shea asking him to create a berm to divert and funnel the water through natural channels. Mr. Littlefield suggested Andy's Way to be included in the correspondence.

b. Update Hazard Mitigation.

No report at this time.

Review of Invasive Plant Workshop.

The Commission was awarded a grant in the amount of \$600.00. The grant money was used to purchase three weed wrenches in the amount of \$540.00 and the remaining was spent on "A Guide to Invasive Plants in Massachusetts". Mr. Phillips held a workshop at the Ball O'Brien Skateboard Park on May 8, 2011 from 10a.m. to 12p.m. along with Mr. Slate with 12 volunteers attending. Mr. Phillips provided the volunteers with samples of invasive plants and demonstrated the use of the weed wrenches. If anyone would like to use the wrenches they can contact Terri Chmiel.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Mr. Hopf and seconded by Mr. Littlefield to nominate Mr. Phillips as chair for the Conservation Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Littlefield and seconded by Ned Phillips to nominate Vice-Chair Mr. Hopf for the Conservation Commission. The motions carried with all in favor.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Littlefield, Slate, Leeder, Hopf, Roosa, Mott) 0 Nays

Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m. in a motion by Mr. Hopf and seconded by Mr. Leeder and voted unanimously.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Littlefield, Slate, Leeder, Hopf, Roosa, Mott) 0 Nays

Respectfully submitted
Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: June 14, 2011